

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

**Michael HOURN; Rodrigo VENTURA;  
John WILLIS and David WINBORNE**

Serial No: **09/831,355**

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For : **METHOD FOR TREATING PRECIOUS  
METAL BEARING MINERALS**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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